Press release

More heavy rain today, drier tomorrow

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Met. Office forecasters are warning residents of the rain-soaked Southeast that there is more heavy rain to come through Thursday with showers to follow overnight. However they are promising some respite through Friday and the weekend with a drier spell.

Six weeks of very wet weather across Britain has culminated in a night of severe weather across Southern Britain. Sussex and Kent were worst affected where a slow-moving line of thundery downpours overnight is expected to continue for much of the day.

Rainfall figures collected by The Met. Office and the Environment Agency have revealed totals as high as 100 mm in the last 24 hours. September was very wet and even before last night's deluge the Southeast had already seen more than a normal October's rainfall.

Ewen McCallum, Head of Forecasting at The Met. Office said: "The situation is likely to get worse today before things start to improve overnight. We are working closely with the Environment Agency to forecast the rainfall and flooding and will continue to monitor the situation for all parts of the country over the weekend."

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